



# TENNESSEE

## Rural Health Loan Forgiveness Program

The purpose of the Tennessee Rural Health Loan Forgiveness Program is to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a degree in healthcare or dentistry. The goal of the program is to encourage health care providers and dentists to practice in Tennessee health resource shortage areas after becoming licensed. The amount of the annual award is \$12,000 or the cost of tuition, mandatory fees, books, and equipment, whichever is less.



### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Be a Tennessee resident for one year preceding the date of application for this program
- Be admitted to and enrolled in an eligible, accredited, postsecondary institution
- Maintain satisfactory progress in the program of study the student is enrolled
- Agree to practice medicine or dentistry in a health resource shortage area after becoming licensed for the number of years the scholarship is received
- Not accept any other financial assistance that carries a service obligation after graduation (except for a service obligation in the United States Armed Forces Reserve or National Guard)
- Sign a promissory note each year the scholarship is awarded that stipulates the cash obligation incurred by the student if the medical or dental service is not fulfilled
- Must complete the degree by the end of the five-year pilot program

In 2008-2009, a total of 25 awards were available in the Tennessee Rural Health Loan Forgiveness Program. From 2009-10 to 2011-12, the number of awards available will be 50 per academic year.

### ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS OF STUDY:

- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
- Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.)
- Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)
- Physician Assistant
- Nurse Practitioner

**TSAC must receive the completed application by September 1 for consideration.**

For more information regarding applying and eligibility for the Tennessee Rural Health Scholarship Program, log on to [www.TN.gov/CollegePays](http://www.TN.gov/CollegePays).

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